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Congressman DeFazio has long fought to give all Americans access to affordable health care.

He has authored and introduced in several Congresses, the Access to Medical Treatment Act, which guarantees patients the right to choose alternative and complementary treatments and to give licensed health care providers the right to recommend and provide these treatments

As a member of the Rural Health Care Caucus, DeFazio has actively promoted legislation to increase Medicare payments to rural health care providers to ensure the continued availability of quality health care. In 1999, DeFazio pushed through legislation that helped reopen Cottage Grove's only hospital.

As a member of the House Working Group on Mental Illness, DeFazio has worked to gain full health care coverage for mental illness.

DeFazio also authored legislation which became law in 1998 to require the registration of the

sales of all chemicals used to produce methamphetamine.

Most recently, Congressman DeFazio fought to include a number of provisions in the recently passed health care reform bill in the House of Representatives that fix the long outdated reimbursement formula in Medicare that has hurt Oregon with low reimbursements, and include a provision to repeal the health insurance industries anti-trust exemption.

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